CGHS facility for non Government Employees in Delhi

304. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that C.G.H.S. has provided facility of taking treatment from C.G.H.S. dispensaries/hospitals in Delhi for the employees other than in Government service;

(b) whether it is also a fact that this facility has only been provided to the persons residing in certain areas; if so the names of area/localities where this facility exists;

(c) what are the reasons that in spite of heavy payment of its charges, the residents of other areas/localities had not been considered as eligible for this facility so far;

(d) whether Government propose to extend this facility to the residents of such localities in near future if so, by when; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) Members of general public have been allowed to avail C.G.H.S. facilities from the following C.G.H.S. dispensaries which have some spare capacity:—

1. Laxmibai Nagar
2. Moti Bagh
3. Kidwai Nagar
4. Andrew Ganj
5. North Avenue
6. South Avenue
7. Constitution House
8. Chanakya Puri
9. Hauz Khas
10. Pandara Road
11. Nauroji Nagar
12. Telegraph Lane
13. Wellesly Road (Dr. Z. H. Marg)
14. R. K. Puram II (dis. No, 46)

(c) to (e) The present policy is not to extend CGHS facilities to any new non-entitled category of persons but to consolidate the services in order to offer better service to the beneficiaries already covered under the scheme.

S.T.D. Link in small cities of Bihar

305. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any scheme under its consideration to link some other important but small cities of Bihar with Delhi through S.T.D.;

(b) if so, what are the details of the scheme and by when the scheme is likely to be completed; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of answer to part (a).

(c) Due to limited availability of resources, the following priorities are followed for providing STD facilities:—

(i) Connecting, State Capitals with Delhi;

(ii) connecting District Headquarters within 300 Kms. of Delhi with Delhi;

(iii) other routes justified by heavy traffic.